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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held via in-person and Zoom videoconferencing in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on March 3, 2022.

**Members Present:**

**Legislator Steve Flotteron - Chairman**  
*Legislator James Mazzarella - Vice-Chair*  
Legislator Sarah Anker  
Legislator Stephanie Bontempi  
Legislator Tom Donnelly  
Legislator Manuel Esteban  
Legislator Bridget Fleming  
Legislator Leslie Kennedy  
P.O. Kevin J. McCaffrey - Ex Officio

**Also in Attendance:**

*Legislator Dominick Thorne - Legislative District No. 7*  
*Legislator Robert Trotta - Legislative District No. 13*  
William Duffy - Counsel to the Legislature  
Frank Tassone - Clerk of the Legislature  
Brett Robinson - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Bob Doering - Senior Budget Analyst/Legislative Budget Review  
Mike Martino - Director of Communications/PO McCaffrey's Office  
Ali Nazir - Aide to Presiding Officer McCaffrey  
Brendan Sweeney - Aide to Presiding Officer McCaffrey  
Chris DeLuca - Aide to Presiding Officer McCaffrey  
Timothy Freeman - Aide to Legislator Flotteron  
Tim Rothang - Aide to Legislator Mazzarella  
Irene Donohue - Aide to Legislator Fleming  
Maria Barbara - Aide to Legislator Esteban  
Gay Campisi - Aide to Legislator Kennedy  
Maria Abbatiello-Farley - Aide to Legislator Thorne  
Robert Braun - Bureau Chief/Suffolk County Attorney's Office  
Zachary Hardy-Intergovernmental Relations/County Executive's Office  
Craig Pavlik - Finance & Asset Forfeiture Bureau Chief &  
Director of Finance/SC District Attorney's Office  
James Chalifoux - Division Chief/SC District Attorney's Office  
Jedd Painter - General Counsel/SC District Attorney's Office  
Andrew Manfredonia - Lieutenant/Chief of Department's Office-SCPD  
John Hanley - Deputy Inspector/SC Civilian Police Academy-SCPD  
Daniel Fraas - Police Officer/SC Civilian Police Academy-SCPD  
Sylvia Gill - Police Officer/SC Civilian Police Academy-SCPD  
Kevin O'Hare - President/SC Civilian Police Academy Alumni Assoc.  
Louis Giudice-Board Member/SC Civilian Police Academy Alumni Assoc.  
Robert Taylor - President/SC Civilian Police Academy Alumni Assoc.  
Lou Tutone - 1st Vice-President/Suffolk County PBA

- 1 John Hnat - Treasurer/Suffolk County PBA
- 2 George Michels - Trustee/Suffolk County Detective's Association
- 3 Matt Porter - President/Suffolk County Probation Officers Assoc.
- 4 Syed Hussain - Suffolk County Resident
- 5 All Other Interested Parties

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7 **Minutes Taken By:**  
8 Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

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11 ***(\*The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. \*)***

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14 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
15 Good morning. I call the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to  
16 order. Please all rise. Lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance,  
17 Legislator Kennedy.

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19 ***Pledge of Allegiance***

09:31AM

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21 If we all could remain standing for a moment of silence. Say a  
22 prayer for all the people in Ukraine and also for everyone back  
23 home here that's our First Responders, our Police Officers, Fire,  
24 EMS, etcetera.

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26 ***Moment of Silence Observed***

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28 Please be seated.

09:32AM

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30 Please do a roll call.

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32 ***(\*Roll Called by Chief Deputy Clerk Robinson\*)***

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34 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
35 Here.

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37 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**  
38 Present.

09:32AM

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40 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
41 Present.

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43 **LEG. ANKER:**  
44 Here.

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46 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
47 Here.

09:32AM

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49 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
50 Here.

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52 **LEG. DONNELLY:**  
53 Here.

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55 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
56 Here.

1 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

2 *Eight.*

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4 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

5 Okay. Is there any correspondence?

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7 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

8 No, Mr. Chairman.

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09:32AM 10 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

11 Okay. We'll open the Public Portion. I believe we just have one  
12 speaker on Zoom, Syed Hussain.

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14 SYED HUSSAIN:

15 Hello. Good morning.

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17 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

18 Good morning. You have three minutes to speak. Thank you.

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09:33AM 20 SYED HUSSAIN:

21 Okay. Thank you very much. Thanks for -- good morning, everybody,  
22 and thank you for giving me the time to speak. I just have only  
23 one small item. It may not -- in the previous meetings the topics  
24 that were given, there was no specific topic that connected with my  
25 question, so I think that's the best one I could come up with, the  
26 public safety. And as a matter of fact, if you look at a different  
27 angle, it may be a public safety issue. But anyway, I am going to  
28 say it and then leave the rest to you guys.

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09:34AM 30 So, the issue is the lawsuits that are being brought by the  
31 citizens of Suffolk County against the Police Department; millions  
32 of dollars against misconduct by the police or whatever the reason  
33 may be. So my question is that the millions of dollars that are  
34 paid in those lawsuits, they come out of the budget meaning, you  
35 know, taxpayers' money. So how can we, you know, control that  
36 money going out and what are the plans, if any, to do any of that?

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38 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

09:35AM 39 I'm sorry, this -- Public Portion is not a question and answer,  
40 it's really for you to make your statement. I'll recommend also  
41 your local Legislator might be able to sit down with you to go over  
42 how we're dealing with this, that would be a good opportunity.

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44 Is there anything else you would like to state for the record?

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46 SYED HUSSAIN:

47 Not really. If I could get a hold of my local -- Mr. McCaffrey,  
48 yes, I would like to meet with him and sit down and discuss it with  
49 him, yes.

09:35AM 50

51 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

52 We'll make sure he gets the information for you. Okay?

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54 SYED HUSSAIN:

55 Okay. Thank you very much.

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1 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

2 You're welcome.

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4 **SYED HUSSAIN:**

5 I appreciate it.

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7 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

8 Is there anyone -- anyone else for Public Portion? Seeing none,  
9 next on our agenda is **Appointment Resolutions**, which there is none.  
09:35AM 10 And today under **Presentations** we have the **Suffolk County Civilian**  
11 **Police Academy** presented by **Inspector John Hanley** and **Kevin O'Hare**,  
12 an overview of the Academy and what they do. Up at the podium -- I  
13 mean, up at the main desk. Oh, there you are. Good morning.

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15 **KEVIN O'HARE:**

16 My name is Kevin O'Hare, I'm President of the Suffolk County  
17 Civilian Police Academy. I was never a police officer, to let you  
18 know. It's a community-based operation out of the Police  
19 Department. My background is in television of veterans activities,  
09:36AM 20 and I was sales manager for Nabisco for 32 years. And I got  
21 involved in this 21 years ago and I'm enjoying it and we just  
22 started our 40th class last night. I was in the 14th. And what it  
23 is is we reach out to the community to have them go through the  
24 course, and you've had a number of people who are on this  
25 Legislature went through it, mainly Minority Leader Jason Richberg,  
26 he went through the course; Islip Supervisor Angie Carpenter; Pam  
27 Greene, former Councilman of Islip; and former Presiding Officer  
28 DuWayne Gregory.

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09:37AM 30 But what I'd like to do right now, I'll come back, but I want to  
31 introduce the person who runs the whole operation out of the  
32 Academy and my good friend, Inspector John Hanley.

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34 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**

35 Thank you, Kevin. And good morning to the Legislature, Public  
36 Safety Committee. I am Deputy Inspector John Hanley, currently in  
37 my 42nd year with the Police Department and about six-and-a-half  
38 years as the Commanding Officer of the Police Academy.

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09:37AM 40 Just a quick overview of the Academy. Besides the most obvious  
41 recruit training, we do in-service training, the firearms training  
42 which is out in Westhampton, it is under my purview, and also most  
43 recently applicant investigation has been put under my command.  
44 So, we do a lot there, those are the most obvious things. And we  
45 also, the department's ceremonial unit at promotional ceremonies,  
46 funerals, other events, we are the department's ceremonial unit.

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48 And one of the other things that many people don't realize is we  
49 have the Civilian Academy which Kevin O'Hare just referenced. Last  
09:38AM 50 night started the 40th session, it started in 1994; if you're doing  
51 the head math that doesn't add up, there were several years where  
52 we did two sessions in a year. And also, was it last year or two  
53 years ago that we got four sessions and we had to take a break  
54 because of the obvious health restrictions. But it's a great  
55 program and a lot of people from the community, community leaders,  
56 police family and friends, clergy, we have had people from News 12

1 and Members of the Legislature and other government bodies. And  
2 they get some insight into what police officers may encounter and  
3 more so the why they do things, what they -- the thought process  
4 behind it.

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6 Some of the presentations that are done are incredible. Everything  
7 from the Homicide Section, Child Abuse, DWI Enforcement, the  
8 history of the Police Department is one; tremendous presenters that  
9 come in during the one week -- one night a week session. And I  
09:39AM 10 guess I've been here for five sessions of the acad -- of the  
11 Civilian Academy and the feedback that I've received from it has  
12 been tremendous, tremendously positive and we're very proud of it.  
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14 And Kevin O'Hare is the President of the Alumni Association, so  
15 quite a few members who have attended the Civilian Academy stay as  
16 members of the Alumni Association and they do positive things in  
17 the community, they attend precinct meetings and some other  
18 department functions. And they're just really wonderful people who  
19 like being involved and they become almost -- almost members of the  
09:40AM 20 police community after they attend the Academy and go back to their  
21 personal lives.  
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23 That's about it. And I think -- Kevin, did you have anything else  
24 you were going to add?  
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26 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
27 Yes. Thank you.  
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29 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
09:40AM 30 Okay. Oh, excuse me for one second, Kev?  
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32 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
33 Sure.  
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35 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
36 Behind me, Police Officer Sylvia Gill and Police Officer Daniel  
37 Fraas are the officers from the academy who run the Civilian  
38 Academy. Of course we have presenters from numerous commands  
39 around the department, everything from Detectives, Patrol Officers,  
09:40AM 40 Highway Patrol and other -- K-9 officers that come in and do  
41 demonstrations. But Officer Gill and Officer Dan Fraas behind me  
42 are the officers from the academy who actually take care of and  
43 administer the Civilian Academy on a weekly basis. Thank you.  
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45 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
46 Thank you, John.  
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48 What I would like to do is give you some handouts so you can  
49 actually understand a little bit more about this program. We would  
09:41AM 50 like to place these in your office to help you give constituents,  
51 give them just one more thing in your toolbox, so to speak. We  
52 have Spanish and English. The Spanish is being done at the print  
53 shop, but I'd like to give these out, and also a copy of the  
54 schedule that we're going through right now to show you what they  
55 learn in this class. Hey, Frank (*laughter*).  
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1 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
2 Is Frank a graduate? (*Laughter*).

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4 **CLERK TASSONE:**  
5 I am not.

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7 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
8 I have placed these in all the precincts, I have two people per  
9 precinct are filling them up. And I'm also starting with Town  
09:42AM 10 Halls, I've done Smithtown already because I live there, in the  
11 Town Clerk's Office. But just again, it's something that you can  
12 offer your constituents and it shows you're active in the  
13 community, that's really what it is. And I really enjoy it. And  
14 once they join -- they join the alumni, they go on field trips to  
15 the Crime Lab, the property room, the jail. And we also attend  
16 community meetings at all the precincts, *Coffee with a Cop*, *Ice*  
17 *Cream with a Cop*, police food drives, precinct community meetings  
18 and *Night Against Crime in August*. And I know we suffered a little  
19 bit for two years, I'm not having a lot of these programs, but  
09:42AM 20 they're all back now. Except we can't go to the jail, that's one  
21 thing they like to do, but it's off limits because of COVID, so.  
22 Does anybody have any questions?

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24 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
25 I'm sure there is a bunch. I actually have a little list of  
26 questions. One, you're fully volunteer yourself?

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28 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
29 All volunteer.

09:42AM 30  
31 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
32 Thank you so much. Now, again, how does someone sign up? Besides  
33 being the book, I didn't know verbally if some people are watching  
34 right now, how does someone sign up? Where do they go?

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36 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
37 Yeah, that's what we're going to do. So we're going to give, like,  
38 applications in your office at the same time, and this way if  
39 people walk in you can explain them, *Oh, here's a program in*  
09:43AM 40 *Suffolk*. First of all, it's free, they don't pay anything.  
41 Second of all, there is no physical activity like a regular police  
42 officer would go through in training, that's another good thing.

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44 The age group is 21 to whatever. We've had a person 83 years old  
45 and they loved it. They go through everything, they go through  
46 simulations to show what a police officer has to make a decision in  
47 seconds, that's what they learn. And I'm very impressed with  
48 Inspector Hanley and his crew, they do a great job and they keep  
49 updating it constantly. And I'm proud to say I've been President  
09:43AM 50 for 15 years, it's been a long time. But, yeah, I used to work  
51 here; it's nice to see so many changes here. But I thank you, too,  
52 sir.

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54 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
55 But for the listening public, I'm trying to look -- so they could  
56 go to SCCPAAA.org and find information --

1 KEVIN O'HARE:  
2 That's correct, there's an application on there.

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4 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
5 Yeah.

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7 KEVIN O'HARE:  
8 And as I said, I gave you the brochures, they're all updated.

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09:44AM 10 P.O. McCAFFREY:  
11 It is on the department's website, *scpd.org*. It is -- the  
12 application is on the department website, yes.

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14 KEVIN O'HARE:  
15 Oh, yeah, it's both; that's true.

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17 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
18 Terrific. And what are the -- our requirements for somebody who's  
19 thinking *Hey, I would like to do this*.

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21 KEVIN O'HARE:  
22 Okay.

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24 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
25 But is it only in the evening, one night a week for a certain  
26 amount of weeks?

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28 KEVIN O'HARE:  
29 Yeah, Legislator, that's a good question. It's actually a 16-week  
09:44AM 30 program, as you'll see on there, and it goes from 6:30 to 9:30 one  
31 day a week. And then we have graduation. We invite all of you in  
32 the Legislature to come to the graduation, and the next class the  
33 people bring their mother, their father, because they're so happy  
34 what the program did for them. I have signed up 114 people in 21  
35 years. You've got to keep constantly carrying the stuff in your  
36 car or you're going to have an empty briefcase, so to speak. And I  
37 believe in it.

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39 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
09:45AM 40 How many people are usually in these classes?

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42 KEVIN O'HARE:  
43 Well, we had -- usually we keep it under 40 because it doesn't work  
44 when you have any more than that. The classrooms aren't as big to  
45 hold any more and it works out much better. Usually they bring  
46 their spouse or even their children, you know, as long as they're  
47 over 19 years of age -- I mean 21.

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49 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
09:45AM 50 Is this something you've looked into, I guess right now working on  
51 police reform of maybe having a second class to try to reach out to  
52 a lot of communities.

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54 KEVIN O'HARE:  
55 You know, we used to have two classes when I was there, originally  
56 starting, and the County Executive at the time did away with the

1 other class.

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3 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

4 Okay.

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6 **KEVIN O'HARE:**

7 I was the last class before 9/11.

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9 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

09:45AM 10 Is there right now -- are you getting enough demand to fill the  
11 class and there's actually --

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13 **KEVIN O'HARE:**

14 Oh, constantly.

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16 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

17 That you have to reject right now because you only have one class?

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19 **KEVIN O'HARE:**

09:46AM 20 Yes, we would have one. Isn't that right, John? Inspector?

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22 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**

23 Yes.

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25 **KEVIN O'HARE:**

26 Yeah, we would have -- but there's always a need. We were backed  
27 up, because of COVID we got split between two classes; half of them  
28 took it, then we stopped and picked up a year later. So, it was --  
29 it was a challenge to start over again.

09:46AM 30

31 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**

32 We had 64 applicants for this class and the classroom size did  
33 limit us to about 40.

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35 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

36 Is it a possibility to look into doing a second class or is it  
37 something we have in the budget?

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39 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**

09:46AM 40 We could consider the feasibility of that. We could consider that;  
41 it's possible.

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43 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

44 I just think this would help with community relations, it's  
45 probably very important.

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47 **KEVIN O'HARE:**

09:46AM 48 Right. You know, all the negative publicity recently against the  
49 Police Department, this is one thing I wanted to show Legislators.  
50 You're like, you know, a silent salesman; you go out there, you've  
51 got people come in your office and you could explain to them what  
52 it is. It's very simple, you know. But it's a community-based  
53 operation and, again, we're going to do the -- all the Town Halls  
54 and we're going to make sure we go to all your offices and drop off  
55 these displays, if that's okay.

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1 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
2 Terrific. I'm sure all the Legislators would love -- would  
3 appreciate it, that opportunity.

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5 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
6 Good. We appreciate you having us today, too.

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8 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
9 Yeah, thank you. Maybe I'll -- I don't know if it's you or if it's  
09:47AM 10 Inspector Hanley. I know there's also a thing like an auxiliary  
11 police. Is this something they can grow into doing that? I don't  
12 know exactly what auxiliary police do and how they qualify.

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14 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
15 I don't know that there's any nexus between the two, people who  
16 join the auxiliary police, wonderful people doing a great service  
17 for the County and Department. There's no real nexus between that  
18 and the Civilian Academy --

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20 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
21 Okay.

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23 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
24 -- though, as far as I know.

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26 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
27 Okay. Thank you.

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29 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
09:47AM 30 Yeah, the last thing I want to mention to you, sir. If you look at  
31 the brochures it says civilian. It used to be citizen till the  
32 Feds said you have to change it. People thought they had to be a  
33 citizen to take this class. I used to work for a Congressman and I  
34 felt the same way, I did immigration. I said, "*Do you have to be a*  
35 *citizen?*" And what it is is they kept the civilian to get in the  
36 class and when they were alumni it goes to citizen, because we had  
37 the loss of money in filing in the State if we change our name.

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39 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
09:48AM 40 Okay.

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42 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
43 We had to shut down, so they agreed to leave it that way. If you  
44 see that, I just want you to know the difference between the two.  
45 Okay?

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47 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
48 Okay, perfect. I don't know if any of the other Legislators have  
49 anything. Legislator Bontempi?

09:48AM 50  
51 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
52 Yes, good morning. So, I do have a question. So, if I understand  
53 it correctly, there's a waiting list right now, or you could not  
54 join right now if you wanted to join?

1 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
2 No, they could sign up now, because you never know if we're going  
3 to get another class.

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5 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
6 No, but I mean the current class that started.

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8 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
9 It's already past --

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11 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
12 This is too late for this one.

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14 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
15 Too late.

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17 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
18 Okay.

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20 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
21 But I always keep the people the know that don't give up because we  
22 started a class, you know, we could have another one by like  
23 September, we don't know.

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25 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
26 Okay.

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28 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
29 So we keep signing people up.

09:48AM 30  
31 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
32 Well, I would be very interested, so. I wish I would have known  
33 about this earlier (*laughter*).

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35 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
36 Thank you very much.

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38 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
39 Okay. I hope you have another class very soon.

09:49AM 40  
41 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
42 Okay, we'd love to have you in a class. Okay.

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44 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
45 Could I just add some of the highlights of the program. Last night  
46 was at Police Headquarters which included -- we get them an ID card  
47 and a tour of the Police Museum, and in conjunction with that some  
48 of the history of the Police Department. But it's -- normally it's  
49 at the Police Academy which is on the grounds of Suffolk Community  
09:49AM 50 College in Brentwood, that's where we operate out of. However, our  
51 trip to Police Communications at Police Headquarters in Yaphank is  
52 something that they enjoy tremendously, seeing what our 911  
53 Operators and our Police Dispatchers do.

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1 One of the -- one of the nights is at our Special Patrol Bureau  
2 which is right outside MacArthur Airport, that's Emergency  
3 Services, K-9, Aviation and Crime Scene and they do some terrific  
4 demonstrations. And one of the sessions is at the range in  
5 Westhampton, our Firearms Training session where they see  
6 demonstration of some of their things, including the training and  
7 the weapons themselves. They see -- they get to have CA  
8 demonstration from our Firearms training staff and they enjoy those  
9 free, in particular are some of highlights. I hate to think that  
09:50AM 10 any of the weeks are not highlights, but those are some of them  
11 that I would articulate. Okay? Thank you.  
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13 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
14 Anyone else? Legislator Thorne.  
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16 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
17 Do you have a question -- oh.  
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19 **LEG. THORNE:**  
09:50AM 20 Hi, Kevin. How are you? Over this way. Hi, Kev. How you doing?  
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22 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
23 Pretty good, Dominick. Thank you.  
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25 **LEG. THORNE:**  
26 So I just wanted -- just a quick opportunity, and I thank the  
27 Chairman because I don't actually sit on this committee. But what  
28 an outstanding way to increase communications between our public  
29 and our police. And I know you from working at the Board of  
09:50AM 30 Elections.  
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32 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
33 We worked together, yeah.  
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35 **LEG. THORNE:**  
36 You've been sending your resume. But I just wanted to thank you  
37 for your continued public service to the County. So thank you so  
38 much.  
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09:50AM 40 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
41 Thank you, Legislator. I appreciate it. Thank you very much.  
42 Any more questions?  
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44 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
45 Yes, and he's on Zoom, is Legislator Trotta.  
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47 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
48 Oh, he's my Legislator.  
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09:51AM 50 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
51 Just I want to say that, you know, having been a policeman, I've  
52 run into people who have gone through this academy. I think it's  
53 very enlightening for them, I think it's great and I want to thank  
54 you and I want to thank Inspector Hanley who, to the older people,  
55 is a legend in the Suffolk County Police Department. So, thank you  
56 very much, Inspector. Thank you very much also.

1 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
2 Oh, thank you, Legislator Trotta. Appreciate it.

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4 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
5 Can I make a comment?

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7 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
8 Legislator Esteban?

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10 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
11 Good morning. Thank you for your presentation --

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13 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
14 Good morning.

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16 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
17 -- and for your great work. This sounds like a wonderful program  
18 to me. And if the constituents are signing up for it, I would be  
19 fully in support of creating another class.

09:51AM 20  
21 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
22 Terrific. Appreciate it.

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24 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
25 Terrific; I concur. Okay. Legislator Fleming.

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27 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
28 Good morning. Thank you and --

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30 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
31 Good morning.

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33 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
34 -- thank you to the Inspector as well for your presentation and  
35 everything you do, so important.

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37 Just wondering, is there -- do you see any interest in folks who go  
38 through this wanting to actually join the Police Department or go  
39 to the academy, the Police Academy?

09:52AM 40  
41 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
42 Oh, you mean if they go through this program? It's just something  
43 they could learn about what their -- the inside, what the Police  
44 Department does. It isn't -- not to get into the Police  
45 Department. That's something the individual --

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47 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
48 But do people develop an interest; have you ever seen that happen?

09:52AM 49  
50 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
51 Oh, yes. Oh, sure. And we've also seen them go in the auxiliary,  
52 and then they went into the Police Department. I mean, we do a  
53 very extensive background check and, you know, some people do get  
54 rejected, but we're very thorough with the people we have and they  
55 just love the program, they can't say enough about it.

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1 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
2 That's great. I'm just wondering, you know, with the best of  
3 intentions, the Police Department has a challenge in recruiting  
4 from diverse communities and I'm wondering if there is any way we  
5 could optimize that kind of movement. If you see people who are  
6 encouraged, you know, who like what they see and like what they're  
7 doing and want to become members of the Police Department, if  
8 there's a way to optimize outreach to diverse communities and  
9 continue to help the Police Department recruitment efforts on  
09:53AM 10 diversity.  
11  
12 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
13 Yeah, this program would help them, you know, understand more  
14 before they go in to be a police officer, you know, and -- but some  
15 of them have exceeded very far in this program. But it's just  
16 something I really look for, so that's why I'm here.  
17  
18 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
19 No, that's terrific. I just recognize that that's a challenge.  
09:53AM 20 With the best of intentions, the Police Department has a challenge  
21 here in Suffolk County recruiting --  
22  
23 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
24 Right.  
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26 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
27 -- from diverse communities. So this sounds like a great  
28 opportunity to kind of get in there and encourage that.  
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09:53AM 30 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
31 Okay, thank you very much.  
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33 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
34 Can I add something --  
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36 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
37 I think the Inspector wants to -- yeah.  
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09:53AM 39 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
40 Just to add a question -- to add a statement more on point to your  
41 question. The age requirement alone, middle age and older, is a  
42 lot of the people who are in the Civilian Academy. We don't have a  
43 lot of youth in their 20's, very few I would say, they're more  
44 members of the community who are already established in life.  
45 I don't know that it's a gateway to taking police tests and getting  
46 involved in law enforcement. The positive impression, and many of  
47 them take pleasure in telling us who in their family or friends are  
48 law enforcement officers in Suffolk County or in New York City or  
49 anywhere else. But I don't know that necessarily it's a gateway to  
09:54AM 50 a career in law enforcement. The positive --  
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52 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
53 I wonder also --  
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55 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
56 The positive impression that they get from the experience is good

1 and they could pass that on to others in their lives, but I don't  
2 know that it's bringing people to sign up for the test.

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4 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
5 Even just --

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7 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
8 It would be difficult to quantify that, I do not know the answer  
9 specifically.

09:54AM 10  
11 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
12 No, I appreciate it and I expect -- that makes a lot of sense.  
13 Maybe just in the talking points you could include that, you know,  
14 the Police Department is trying to continue to try to gather --

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16 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
17 Of course.

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19 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
09:54AM 20 -- officers from all over the community; if you want to spread the  
21 word, if you like what you see --

22  
23 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
24 Yeah.

25  
26 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
27 -- and you want to spread the word with your children or your  
28 nieces and nephews.

29  
09:55AM 30 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
31 Yeah, right. But in all candor, the age restriction alone would  
32 be -- eliminate --

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34 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
35 Yeah, I know, I hear you. I hear you.

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37 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
38 Yes.

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40 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
41 Thank you for everything you do.

42  
43 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
44 Okay.

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46 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
47 Thank you.

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49 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
09:55AM 50 I would like to thank the committee. I appreciate you having us.  
51 Thank you very much.

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53 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
54 We have another question. Legislator Kennedy.

1 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
2 Hi. Just to build on Legislator Fleming's question. There is an  
3 age restriction, or are you talking about the average age of the  
4 people that apply?  
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6 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
7 Average age of people that apply. Mainly because the younger  
8 people, some of them are still going to college, some of them have  
9 young children. And that's why as you get into the 40s and 50s,  
09:55AM 10 you start picking up more and more, but 20s and 30s are very slow  
11 amount.  
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13 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
14 Do you advertise or put up posters at the colleges, at Suffolk  
15 Community for the students that go part-time and maybe have an  
16 evening a week free? Do you put up --  
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18 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
19 I don't know that we do. And if that's a possibility of generating  
09:55AM 20 more interest from the younger people of the communities, that  
21 would be something to consider. But just as a target audience, the  
22 people who are in the Civilian Academy are not of the age --  
23

24 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
25 Yes.  
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27 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
28 -- that would be normally taking entrance exams for police jobs.  
29

30 **KEVIN O'HARE:**  
31 Right.  
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33 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
34 We -- they could, there's nothing prohibiting them from being in  
35 the Civilian Academy. They just don't seem to be attracted to it;  
36 not their cup of tea.  
37

38 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
39 I know many people who have attended, every single one of them  
09:56AM 40 speaks highly and I've never heard a complaint, so you're doing a  
41 fabulous job. Continue what you're doing. But putting up posters  
42 in a place that they go to every day stimulates thought. Maybe  
43 during times where you are recruiting to take the test, that might  
44 be a good idea, too.  
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46 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
47 And that's easily implemented, so I'm sure we could do that.  
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49 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
09:56AM 50 Okay. Thank you.  
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52 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
53 Okay. Also, Legislator Mazzarella.  
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1 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**

2 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, Inspector Hanley and Kevin  
3 O'Hare, thank you for bringing this presentation to us today. I'm  
4 a fairly new Legislator and I was not aware of the program, so I'm  
5 happy to learn about it, number one.

6  
7 And I guess my question would be, you know, there's a slew of  
8 Legislators here around the horseshoe, so are you looking for us to  
9 find ways to give you additional exposure? Because if you are, you  
10 know, the Legislators here, we meet with civics, we meet with  
11 chambers. So if you're looking for exposure and you're looking for  
12 us to communicate back to you ways to bring that exposure to this  
13 program and possibly fill other classes, I mean, I know just in my  
14 Legislative District alone there's many outlets that we could, you  
15 know, possibly --

16  
17 **KEVIN O'HARE:**

18 Sure, yep.

19  
20 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**

21 -- get the word out to and, you know, the library as well. So, you  
22 know, I wanted to thank you for, you know, bringing the program to  
23 light, but also just offer our outreach to you as a way to possibly  
24 bring more exposure to it.

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26 **KEVIN O'HARE:**

27 Right. Just to let you know, we had at one time two members from  
28 the Indian reservation, they went through the program. You know,  
29 we reach out to everybody, we advertise as much as we can on our  
30 own and we -- I just said, we're having the Spanish brochures made  
31 up, they're all revised and they're in the print shop and when they  
32 come you're going to have two displays in your office. You're  
33 going to have one attached to this, and if you want a refill the  
34 card will be on there for the person doing the refilling all the  
35 time who lives in that area. Just to let you know.

36  
37 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**

38 Well, I look forward to the information. Please feel free to drop  
39 them by so that we can actually get the word out for you.

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41 **KEVIN O'HARE:**

42 I appreciate it. I appreciate that from all of you. Thank you  
43 very much. It's been a pleasure.

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45 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**

46 One small bit of information regarding your comment, Legislator  
47 Fleming, is Officer Gill mentioned our intern program which is  
48 college students and it's a lot of commonality with the Civilian  
49 Academy, the things that they go through and experience. And the  
50 intern program we would say probably generates people who may have  
51 already been interested or predisposed to a career in law  
52 enforcement and they're taking criminal justice, and that's usually  
53 the case, and the intern program is probably on point with what you  
54 had inquired about.



1 **LEG. FLEMING:**

2 It's a great point. I mean, so often, you know, the same with  
3 Civil Service, you know, people are moving through their families  
4 and their families talk about it, it seems like a great career  
5 opportunity and it's very helpful, you know, if you've had aunts,  
6 uncles, whomever, who have been cops themselves, you know, that's  
7 sort of a natural thing. So, it's always good when you reach into  
8 diverse communities to try to find these avenues that are sort of  
9 more unusual. To hear that there are a couple of people from  
10 Shinnecock who, you know, have been involved in this way, how  
11 transformational it would be to have Shinnecock police officers,  
12 you know what I mean? It would be just a terrific thing and we --  
13 I just encourage anything that we could do. So thank you for that,  
14 and maybe we could follow up about the internship program. I'd  
15 love to figure out how to make law enforcement a really attractive,  
16 you know, kind of way of life to folks who might normally not think  
17 about it that way.

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19 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**

20 Very good. Thank you.

21  
22 **LEG. FLEMING:**

23 Thank you.

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25 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

26 Inspector? Just one brief question. I know the ages of this is 21  
27 and older, but do you do anything -- maybe it's not under you but  
28 within the department -- for, like, say scouts and stuff where you  
29 have a day they come in to learn?

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31 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**

32 Well, besides the intern program, which Officer Gill is taking care  
33 of at our academy, we also have the Precinct Explorer Post. Each  
34 precinct has an Explorer Post which in my opinion has some  
35 commonality with scouting. The Sea Cadets, the Civil Air Patrol,  
36 these young people that meet regularly at their precinct, they  
37 engage in activities, good activities, wholesome activities,  
38 healthy activities, and they also seem to be possibly inclined  
39 towards a career in law enforcement, we think; I'm sure some of  
40 them do. In fact, I can say with certainty that some of them have.

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42 But the other thing is, besides that, when we have one of our  
43 summer camps, as we do the County Executive Youth Academies in the  
44 summer, one of our one-week camps is for our Precinct Explorers and  
45 the Navy Sea Cadets. And the one year the Sea Cadets came from  
46 four chapters; Sayville, Northport, I can't remember what towns the  
47 other two are from, the Sea Cadets, some really sharp, young people  
48 in that organization. And our Precinct Explorer Post for one of  
49 our one-week summer camps during the summer at the academy.

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51 We do a lot of activities for youth. And something else you said  
52 made me think; clearly, when somebody leaves a night of the  
53 Civilian Academy and go home, or be it the next day, I'm confident  
54 that it's generated chatter amongst their family, and perhaps that  
55 spreads even further from there, and I think that's how we get a  
56 lot of our enrollees is by word of mouth. A brochure is good --

1 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
2 We've certainly seen that --

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4 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
5 -- posting at the college good, but I would say Kevin would agree  
6 with me on this, that word of mouth is one of the biggest ways we  
7 get, and a word of mouth recommendation is usually pretty good.

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9 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
10:02AM 10 We've certainly seen that in the Southampton Town Explorer Program  
11 where you have younger people coming through and people start to  
12 just see that it's a great way of life.

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14 **DEPUTY INSPECTOR HANLEY:**  
15 Yes. Thank you.

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17 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
18 Or career path.

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10:02AM 20 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
21 Thank you for that insight. And I'll tell maybe our committee  
22 here, we'll try to have some of these representatives probably in  
23 the near future because internship programs and all of that we  
24 should be discussing now, sort of doing outreach for them to sign  
25 up to be part of the program in July. Such as Legislator Fleming  
26 said, try to reach out to other neighborhoods, at least we'll know  
27 right away the handouts and everything else that we can get out to  
28 our communities, which would be wonderful. So, thank you.

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10:03AM 30 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
31 Okay. No further -- no other further questions? Is there any  
32 Tabled Resolutions? No, right?

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34 **Introductory Resolutions**

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36 Resolution 1044(-22) - *Accepting and appropriating a supplemental*  
37 *award of Federal funding in the amount of \$27,000 from the*  
38 *Department of Homeland Security, United States Immigration and*  
39 *Customs Enforcement (ICE), for the Suffolk County Sheriff's*  
10:03AM 40 *Office participation in the ICE El Dorado Task Force (County*  
41 *Executive).*

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43 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
44 Motion to approve.

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46 **LEG. TROTТА:**  
47 Second.

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49 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
10:03AM 50 Roll call.

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52 (\*Roll Called by Chief Deputy Clerk Robinson\*)

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54 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
55 Yes.

1 LEG. MAZZARELLA:  
2 Yes.  
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4 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
5 Yes.  
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7 LEG. ANKER:  
8 Yes.  
9  
10:04AM 10 LEG. KENNEDY:  
11 Yes.  
12  
13 LEG. ESTEBAN:  
14 Yes.  
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16 LEG. DONNELLY:  
17 Yes.  
18  
19 LEG. BONTEMPI:  
10:04AM 20 Yes.  
21  
22 P.O. McCAFFREY:  
23 Yes.  
24  
25 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:  
26 *Nine.*  
27  
28 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
29 Resolution 1063(-22) - Amending funding distribution pursuant to  
10:04AM 30 *the revised budget under the Suffolk County Police Department's*  
31 *Project Safe Neighborhood 2018 Grant Program (County Executive).*  
32 *Motion?*  
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34 LEG. KENNEDY:  
35 Second. Oh, I thought you made the motion.  
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37 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
38 Motion by Legislator Kennedy. Second by Legislator Esteban.  
39 Roll call.  
10:04AM 40  
41 *(\*Roll Called by Chief Deputy Clerk Robinson\*)*  
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43 LEG. KENNEDY:  
44 Yes.  
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46 LEG. ESTEBAN:  
47 Yes.  
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49 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
10:04AM 50 Yes.  
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52 LEG. MAZZARELLA:  
53 Yes.  
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55 LEG. FLEMING:  
56 Yes.

1 LEG. ANKER:  
2 Yes.  
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4 LEG. DONNELLY:  
5 Yes.  
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7 LEG. BONTEMPI:  
8 Yes.  
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10:05AM 10 P.O. McCAFFREY:  
11 Yes.  
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13 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:  
14 *Nine.*  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
17 Resolution 1072(-22) - *Authorizing the District Attorney to*  
18 *distribute special duty pay to eligible Assistant District*  
19 *Attorneys (County Executive).* Motion.  
10:05AM 20  
21 LEG. FLEMING:  
22 *(Raised hand).*  
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24 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
25 Motion by Legislator Fleming. Second, Legislator Kennedy.  
26 Roll call.  
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28 *(\*Roll Called by Chief Deputy Clerk Robinson\*)*  
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10:05AM 30 LEG. FLEMING:  
31 Yes.  
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33 LEG. KENNEDY:  
34 Yes.  
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36 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
37 Yes.  
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39 LEG. MAZZARELLA:  
10:05AM 40 Yes.  
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42 LEG. ANKER:  
43 Yes.  
44  
45 LEG. ESTEBAN:  
46 Yes.  
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48 LEG. DONNELLY:  
49 Yes.  
10:05AM 50  
51 LEG. BONTEMPI:  
52 Yes.  
53  
54 P.O. McCAFFREY:  
55 Yes.  
56

1 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

2 *Nine.*

3

4 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

5 Resolution 1074(-22) - *Authorizing the District Attorney to*  
6 *distribute stipends to eligible Assistant District Attorneys for*  
7 *extra shifts worked (County Executive).* Motion by --

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9 LEG. DONNELLY:

10:05AM 10 (*Raised hand*)

11

12 LEG. MAZZARELLA:

13 Motion.

14

15 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

16 -- Legislator Donnelly, and second by Legislator Mazzarella.  
17 Roll call.

18

19 (*\*Roll Called by Chief Deputy Clerk Robinson\**)

10:06AM 20

21 LEG. DONNELLY:

22 Yes.

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24 LEG. MAZZARELLA:

25 Yes.

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27 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:

28 Yes.

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10:06AM 30

31 LEG. FLEMING:

32 Yes.

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34 LEG. ANKER:

35 Yes.

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37 LEG. KENNEDY:

38 Yes.

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10:06AM 40

41 LEG. ESTEBAN:

42 Yes.

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44 LEG. BONTEMPI:

45 Yes.

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47 P.O. McCAFFREY:

48 Yes.

49

50 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:

51 *Nine.*

10:06AM 52

53 Resolution 1087(-22) - *Appropriating funds in connection with*  
54 *improvements to the County Correctional Facility C - 141 Riverhead*  
55 *(CP 3014) (County Executive).*

56

57 LEG. FLEMING:

58 Motion to approve.

1 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
2 Motion by Legislator Fleming.  
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4 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**  
5 Second.  
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7 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
8 Second by Legislator Mazzarella. Roll call.  
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10:06AM 10 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
11 On the motion?  
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13 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
14 Yes?  
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16 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
17 On the motion? I don't know if there's anyone -- I don't know if  
18 it would be the department or Public Works that could answer a  
19 question about this.  
20  
10:06AM 21 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**  
22 I'm the Warden from the facility.  
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24 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
25 Oh, great.  
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27 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**  
28 You want me to be at the podium?  
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10:07AM 30 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
31 If I may?  
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33 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**  
34 I'm Mike Franchi, the Warden for the correctional facility.  
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36 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
37 Good morning, Warden. Thank you for being here. If I may,  
38 Mr. Chair?  
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10:07AM 40 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
41 Please, go ahead.  
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43 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
44 Thank you. Yeah, no, this and the following resolution, 1094, are  
45 both appropriating funding for upgrades to the facilities, and I so  
46 appreciate it and support it 100%. I just wanted to ask, you know,  
47 we have Capital Project 1664 which is an energy efficiency fund of  
48 money for energy efficiency programs, and we're -- we are in line  
49 to be saving a lot of carbon emissions with some of the upgrades,  
10:07AM 50 for instance, to the Suffolk County jail -- excuse me, whether it's  
51 solar panels on the roof, interior lighting. We have a  
52 cogeneration project that is scheduled to rollout in the spring,  
53 I think, of this year that promises to save as much as 106 metric  
54 tons of carbon emissions by cogeneration of heat and  
55 air-conditioning within the County jail, and I notice that both of  
56 these include HVAC upgrades, electrical upgrades. Are these in

1 line with these energy efficiency efforts, or how is that tied in  
2 and what sort of eye has been given or look has been given to  
3 energy efficiency within these upgrades.  
4

5 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**

6 Okay. These two County projects are long-standing projects that,  
7 you know, these -- these are what we use on a yearly basis to  
8 maintain the facilities. I believe what you're speaking of is a  
9 separate Capital Project that is being run by DPW. I know -- I  
10 know that we are in the process of upgrading lighting throughout  
11 the facility to LED. The cogeneration piece I am not that familiar  
12 with, so I would have to defer to DPW on that.  
13

14 Solar panels, I've heard the rumor. As you know, we have the solar  
15 panels in the parking lots. Again, that would probably be more on  
16 DPW. Again, I've only heard the rumor, I would obviously have to  
17 be involved for the security aspects, but I don't believe we would  
18 have any issues with solar panels on the roofs, so.  
19

20 **LEG. FLEMING:**

21 No, no, no, I just mean -- these separate Capital Projects are  
22 already planned --  
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24 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**

25 Yep.  
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27 **LEG. FLEMING:**

28 -- and been authorized by the Legislature and the County Executive  
29 and are moving forward and in the planning stages; I'm just  
30 wondering if there's any coordination. I see HVAC upgrades.  
31 The cogeneration is a massive project; I mean, it's really --  
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33 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**

34 Right.  
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36 **LEG. FLEMING:**

37 -- almost revolutionary and it's saving -- when it comes into  
38 place, it's going to be saving quite a lot. I think it's at the  
39 Riverhead jail, I believe.  
40

41 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**

42 It would make more sense.  
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44 **LEG. FLEMING:**

45 This is minimum and max -- what's that?  
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47 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**

48 That would make more sense, it's the older facility.  
49

50 **LEG. FLEMING:**

51 Exactly. Exactly. But I'm just wondering if there's any kind of  
52 coordination. So, if you wouldn't mind, I think before the General  
53 Meeting I'd like to reach out to DPW just to find out that they  
54 understand that they should have the support they need to ensure  
55 that whatever upgrades are being made to Yaphank are consistent  
56 with, you know, some of the forward-thinking engineering that's

1 ending up saving taxpayers a lot of money and saving, you know, the  
2 environment from the carbon emissions. So I will check --  
3  
4 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**  
5 I understand.  
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7 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
8 -- with DPW and I appreciate your answering my questions. Thank  
9 you, Warden. Good to see you.  
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11 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**  
12 Good to see you.  
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14 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
15 Thank you, Mr. Flotteron.  
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17 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**  
18 Is that it?  
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20 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
21 Okay. Any other questions? No. Roll call.  
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23 *(\*Roll Called by Chief Deputy Clerk Robinson\*)*  
24  
25 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
26 Yes.  
27  
28 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**  
29 Yes.  
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31 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
32 Yes.  
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34 **LEG. ANKER:**  
35 Yes.  
36  
37 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
38 Yes.  
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40 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**  
41 Yes.  
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43 **LEG. DONNELLY:**  
44 Yes.  
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46 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**  
47 Yes.  
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49 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**  
50 Yes.  
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52 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:**  
53 *Nine.*  
54  
55 **WARDEN FRANCHI:**  
56 Thank you.

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1 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

2 Thank you.

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4 Resolution 1094(-22) - *Appropriating funds in connection with*  
5 *renovations to the Yaphank Correctional Facility (CP 3009) (County*  
6 *Executive).*

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8 **LEG. FLEMING:**

9 Motion to approve.

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11 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**

12 Second.

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14 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

15 Roll call.

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17 **LEG. FLEMING:**

18 On the motion?

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20 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

21 Yes.

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23 **LEG. FLEMING:**

24 If I could just note for the record and for the department, I think  
25 it's also important for this just to make sure that there's  
26 coordination with Public Works, which I'm sure there is. But that  
27 there would be -- I hope, I think that there would be support  
28 certainly with the County Executive's Office. It's just government  
29 is so huge and there are so many moving parts, it's nice to have  
30 that communication and connection, it would be very helpful to  
31 ensure that whatever energy efficiency plans are being made  
32 throughout the correctional facility are coordinated with this  
33 expense -- these expenditures as well. Thank you, Chair Flotteron.

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35 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

36 You're welcome. Roll call.

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38 *(\*Roll Called by Chief Deputy Clerk Robinson\*)*

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10:12AM 40

41 **LEG. FLEMING:**

42 Yes.

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44 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**

45 Yes.

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47 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

48 Yes.

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50 **LEG. ANKER:**

51 Yes.

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53 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

54 Yes.

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56 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**

57 Yes.

1 LEG. DONNELLY:  
2 Yes.  
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4 LEG. BONTEMPI:  
5 Yes.  
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7 P.O. McCAFFREY:  
8 Yes.  
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10:12AM 10 CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:  
11 *Nine.*  
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13 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
14 Okay.  
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16 Last resolution, Resolution 1105(-22) - *Amending Adopted Resolution*  
17 *No. 1021-2019 for the United States Department of Justice, Office*  
18 *of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Project*  
19 *Safe Neighborhoods 2019 Program with 100% support (County*  
10:12AM 20 *Executive).*  
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22 LEG. KENNEDY:  
23 Motion.  
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25 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
26 Motion by Legislator Kennedy.  
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28 LEG. DONNELLY:  
29 Second.  
10:12AM 30  
31 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
32 Second by Legislator Donnelly. Roll call.  
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34 (*\*Roll Called by Chief Deputy Clerk Robinson\**)  
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36 LEG. KENNEDY:  
37 Yes.  
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39 LEG. DONNELLY:  
10:12AM 40 Yes.  
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42 CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:  
43 Yes.  
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45 LEG. MAZZARELLA:  
46 Yes.  
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48 LEG. FLEMING:  
49 Yes.  
10:13AM 50  
51 LEG. ANKER:  
52 Yes.  
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54 LEG. ESTEBAN:  
55 Yes.  
56

1 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

2 Yes.

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4 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**

5 Yes.

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7 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK ROBINSON:**

8 *Nine.*

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10:13AM 10 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

11 Okay, thank you.

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13 That's it -- that's the conclusion of Introductory Resolutions.

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15 I would like to call up to the microphone Lieutenant Manfredonia.  
16 There's been some questions have come out regarding street racing  
17 and I know some Legislators have reached out to me and to your  
18 office. I didn't know if you could give us a little update of  
19 what's going on and what you're able to do.

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21 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

22 Certainly. Do you want me to take questions or just --

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24 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

25 No. Actually, lead the conversation, go right ahead.

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27 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

28 That's fine. So, we've been dealing with illegal car meets for  
29 quite a number of years now. Most of the participants in these  
10:13AM 30 events are not bad people; they're out to show their cars and  
31 they've been very compliant with the Police Department as we've  
32 showed up to them and disperse as we ask them to. However,  
33 recently we've had quite a number of agitators from what we call  
34 takeover groups that have infiltrated these car events and have  
35 given the responding officers a bit of a hard time when we go and  
36 we try to disperse these people. These takeover groups are  
37 committing such illegal actions such as blocking the roadways,  
38 engaging in illegal speed contests, trespassing on private  
39 property, and even damaging police property and private property as  
10:14AM 40 well.

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42 In addition to committing all these numerous violations, moving  
43 violations, many of the vehicles also have equipment violations.  
44 So, what happens with a lot of these calls as they come into 911,  
45 some of these people are actually setting up speaker systems and  
46 generating noise complaints to the community as well which  
47 generates a tremendous amount of 911 calls. As these calls do come  
48 into our 911 center, we do prioritize these calls now and we  
49 dispatch them as quickly as possible assuming that we have manpower  
10:15AM 50 available to respond to these calls in a timely manner. As we  
51 become aware of these events, we monitor the locations that we  
52 become aware of via our patrol, via unmarked units if we have them  
53 working. We have real-time Crime Center locked in on this as well,  
54 and in some unusual and extraordinary circumstances we've deployed  
55 Aviation as well.

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1 So the primary goal when we become aware of these car meets, these  
2 vehicle and street takeovers, is to prevent them from taking place.  
3 However, if we do not get there in time to prevent them from  
4 gathering, then we have to shift to an enforcement mentality and  
5 what we try to do is we try to issue as many summonses as we can;  
6 if we see arrestable offenses we try to effect arrests; and in many  
7 cases, we try to confiscate the vehicles as well.

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9 Recently we've had a couple of pre-planned events, one on  
10 February 19th in Hauppauge participants blocked the road and a  
11 responding police vehicle came, they surrounded the police vehicle  
12 and committed felonious damage to the police vehicle and only  
13 dispersed when the helicopter showed up. Another one on the 22nd  
14 of February at the Ronkonkoma Rail there was another illegal meet.  
15 A vehicle that was leaving the location decided to drive recklessly  
16 along Ronkonkoma Avenue, wound up crashing and that person was  
17 arrested and the vehicle was confiscated.

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19 These -- all these events, for the most part, have all been  
20 broadcast on social media as well, so you can see for yourselves.  
21 And I'm sure many of your constituents have e-mailed you links to  
22 these videos so you could see the violent, tumultuous and chaotic  
23 nature of what happens when these meet-ups occur. So in the future  
24 what we would like to do is we want to start targeting some of the  
25 accomplices that block the road to allow these illegal activities  
26 to take place. However, what happens with a lot these meets is  
27 also they occur on private property and our enforcement activity is  
28 somewhat limited, particularly with the VTL, when it comes to  
29 trying to prevent these activities from occurring on private  
30 property. We do get some cooperation from the property owners.  
31 However, most of these meets do occur at night and without advanced  
32 notice it's particularly difficult to get in touch with the people  
33 that own the property to try to take any enforcement action on that  
34 private property.

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36 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

37 Question. Now, but you're saying private property; is the race in  
38 the streets still or is it on private -- like a private parking lot  
39 or something?

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41 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

42 If an illegal speed contest, a drag race is taking place, that  
43 would most likely occur on public property, however we have to be  
44 there in order to take enforcement action against a drag race.  
45 However, reckless driving, you maybe have some vehicles doing  
46 donuts in parking lots, that we're a little bit limited when it  
47 comes to the enforcement of that particular activity which is the  
48 majority of what's occurring, and the noise as well.

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50 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

51 Yeah, I have the same problem. In my district in Deer Park in the  
52 industrial area there's a major problem all the time and it seems  
53 like they find out a little too late each time, and most of the  
54 time it's always on the weekends, usually, and Sundays, whatever,  
55 during day.

1 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

2 I would like to say that it occurs on the weekends only, however we  
3 have been noticing that it doesn't matter what day of the week it  
4 happens.

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6 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

7 Yeah. No, I just meant in that area, I guess, because of the  
8 industrial work.

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10 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

11 Yeah.

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13 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

14 Is there anything we need to do to help with any resolutions?  
15 Do you have the tools you need?

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17 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

18 We have tools in our toolbox, however you can never have enough.  
19 And if there is something that we can maybe look into to see what  
10:18AM 20 the pitfalls are, I have been talking with our Legal Bureau and if  
21 we can come up with some way to bridge those gaps to fill those  
22 loopholes, that would be very helpful.

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24 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

25 Okay. Well, we're ready and willing. Legislator Mazzarella.

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27 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**

28 Yeah, I just wanted -- I just wanted to echo that comment,  
29 Inspector. If there's any legislation at all that you think would  
10:19AM 30 help you further to do the job, please, you know, address the  
31 Chairman and we would be happy to engage our Counsel and whatever  
32 other resources you need to possibly create legislation that would  
33 help you further.

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35 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

36 Absolutely. And any help that the Legislature can give the  
37 department is always appreciated.

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39 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

10:19AM 40 Okay. We'll be waiting for your call (*laughter*). Legislator  
41 Donnelly.

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43 **LEG. DONNELLY:**

44 So, thank you, Lieutenant. Yeah, I know the operation in Deer  
45 Park, it was pretty -- it was pretty significant talking to  
46 Inspector Kane and a lot of the folks were just released on pretty  
47 minimal fines, so that's kind of just a synopsis of the disaster  
48 our criminal justice system is in right now.

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10:19AM 50 But relative to the new legislation, so I would appeal to the  
51 Chair, I actually appealed to the Presiding Officer already, that  
52 we revisit the bicycle safety bill in honor of Legislator Tom  
53 Muratore and put that in conjunction, perhaps, something along this  
54 lines because this is a pretty serious quality of life issue. So,  
55 the question that I have is you referenced private property. So,  
56 is it possible to get the towns and their quality of life and their

1 code enforcement folks to get after the private property people?

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3 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

4 We can certainly try if we have advanced notice of where these  
5 things are taking place. A lot of times what happens is these  
6 occur either on the -- like on the weekends, after hours on the  
7 midnights, and it's even difficult to get in touch with public  
8 safety in the towns. They do a great job, but unlike the Police  
9 Department where we have staffing 24/7, they do have that but  
10 sometimes they're very much strained in the amount of man power  
11 that they have to help us address these issues.

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13 **LEG. DONNELLY:**

14 So I know I stand ready. This is a real serious quality of life  
15 issue, very similar to the bicycle safety stuff that we debated and  
16 we weren't able to get it -- to get it through. But this is a real  
17 serious quality of life issue, you know. And we pride ourselves as  
18 local officials to address these quality of life issues and I think  
19 we've got to leverage every possible tool that we can. You know,  
20 certainly, you know, I'm very grateful, I was pretty aware of the  
21 operation in the industrial complex in Deer Park and the 1st  
22 Precinct units did a really, really good job.

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24 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

25 They certainly did.

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27 **LEG. DONNELLY:**

28 But it was actually a fairly dangerous operation as well. But that  
29 being said, I think that you have to come to a similar to -- I know  
30 when Tommy Muratore put the bike safety bill together and I had sat  
31 with him, it actually came from you folks. So if you can come to  
32 us I think it would be really helpful for us to perhaps leverage  
33 some kind of County law that would be another tool in the toolbox.  
34 But thank you for all the efforts, very much appreciated.

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36 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

37 Thank you. And to address --

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39 **LEG. DONNELLY:**

40 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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42 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

43 And to address what Legislator Donnelly was saying, in the 1st  
44 Precinct we did have advance notice of an operation and we were  
45 able to put an operation together and Sergeant Nortillo and Fahner  
46 from the 1st Precinct did a phenomenal job in getting debriefs and  
47 summonses in that particular circumstance. So, if we are able to  
48 get some advance notice, we do try to take action, it happened in  
49 the 2nd Precinct as well, and when we are able to do that, we do  
50 get a lot of ability to shut these things down.

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52 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

53 We have a bunch of other questions. But I just want to -- taking  
54 off of what you're saying there clarifying for Deer Park. It seems  
55 like -- I know it's probably not always, but part of the time  
56 they're probably usually using the same recurring place because

1 it's just sort of conducive to it. The place such as the one in  
2 the 1st Precinct, could you ever get a release from the property  
3 owners prior because you know, hey, they're going to be back in the  
4 next so many months anyway and unless these legally -- once they  
5 sign are they open for you to use for the next six months or a year  
6 or a week --

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8 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

9 Yes.

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11 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

12 -- whatever it might be.

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14 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

15 Yeah. In particular, Chief Romagnoli, when he was the Commanding  
16 Officer of the 4th Precinct, was able to get a lot of cooperation  
17 from the property owners. The issue becomes the ability to  
18 prosecute. And unfortunately, when it comes to trespass, the  
19 ability to prosecute is somewhat hampered if it's a little bit of  
20 an open area. Trespass requires signage, the area has to be closed  
21 off, it has to be chained. Sometimes what happens is if they do  
22 chain their parking lots they cut them with bolt cutters, so it  
23 creates a -- not so much a problem on the Police Department's end,  
24 but there's no way to prosecute that particular event.

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26 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

27 Okay. Legislator Thorne.

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29 **LEG. THORNE:**

30 Lieutenant, good morning. And thank you, Mr. Chair. As the new  
31 guy here, I apologize if I'm breaking procedures or protocols. And  
32 what you're telling us is hair-raising. I don't sit on this  
33 committee but, you know, whatever the committee decides I'm happy  
34 to support.

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36 I have seen a large increase -- if I could shift gears for a  
37 minute -- in firearm arrests. Can you expand a little bit on that?  
38 It looks like you guys are picking up a lot of unlawful firearms  
39 off the streets.

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41 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

42 Certainly. Well, one of the concerns going into the new year was  
43 as our former Chief and Acting Commissioner Stuart Cameron had  
44 said, was that we had seen an increase in the amount of gunfire.  
45 All of our other crimes have been going down and the increase in  
46 gunfire was a concern going into the new year.

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48 Under the new administration and as a whole in the Police  
49 Department, we have taken a lot of pains to try to decrease the  
50 amount of guns that are on the streets. And we have -- as of last  
51 week, we had 24 firearm arrests, and I know that since that time  
52 last week we've had more. As a matter of fact, I believe we had  
53 two arrests last night where multiple guns were taken off the  
54 streets. And these guns, some of these are ghost guns, some of  
55 these were defaced firearms and some of them were stolen out of  
56 other states. So we have had in excess of 24 arrests for this year

1 and that doesn't include firearms also that we have recovered that  
2 aren't connected to an arrest which are a little tough to --  
3 tougher to track as far as a metric goes.

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5 So, the -- as a whole -- and these have occurred from all of our  
6 units, from patrol, from our anti-crime units, from our gang units  
7 and from our firearms teams in the patrol and the Detective  
8 Division. So, the department as a whole is focused on reducing the  
9 gun violence in the County and we are trying to do our part as best  
10 as we can and I believe that the statistics that we are seeing this  
11 first couple of months of the year are definitely showing that  
12 trend.

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14 **LEG. THORNE:**

15 Outstanding job. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize for  
16 interrupting the other subject, just curious about the firearms.

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18 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

19 Thank you. Legislator McCaffrey.

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21 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**

22 Thank you. Hello, Lieutenant. How are you?

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24 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

25 Good, Legislator. How are you?

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27 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**

28 Good, thanks. My question is about the -- more so the motorcycles  
29 and the ATVs that are on the streets; they're overtaking the  
30 streets. And I'm told we have a no pursuit policy in the County  
31 and I don't really -- I know my constituents aren't happy with  
32 that, to watch them go by -- and neither am I, to tell you the  
33 truth. We need to figure something out here.

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35 I can't be told there's not a non-pursuit policy because I see  
36 Highway Patrol and other people chasing people down all the time  
37 and pulling them over. I don't know why we can't take a more  
38 proactive role in going after these people. They're taking up our  
39 roadways, they're unsafe, they're doing wheelies, they're going  
40 after cars in an aggressive manner. We need to do more than what  
41 we're doing and I just can't accept the we don't chase these  
42 motorcycles or ATVs. We need --

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44 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

45 That's understood, yes.

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47 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**

48 Okay.

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50 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

51 And we do make attempts to stop when we see the ATVs driving on the  
52 streets. Obviously, we don't want to create a situation where it  
53 becomes so -- such a dangerous situation for the person riding the  
54 ATV or for someone they potentially may crash into. The level of  
55 offense just doesn't justify taking it to the next level but we do  
56 attempt to stop them.



1 What we have been doing for a few years now is trying to develop  
2 information on who these people are and where the ATVs are and  
3 where they live, and we do try to identify them as they're riding  
4 the ATVs. And then what we try to do is we try to follow up and  
5 confiscate the ATV after the -- when they've stopped operating and  
6 they've parked it somewhere. We have been pretty successful in  
7 doing that in various precincts, particularly before I came to the  
8 Chief of Department's Office. I was in the 7th Precinct and we had  
9 had tremendous success down in Mastic Beach and in Mastic doing  
10 that. However, understood that the amount of ATVs that are on the  
11 road makes it somewhat hard to make a dent in that illegal  
12 activity.

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14 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**

15 Yeah, I just -- we need to come up with a better plan than we have.  
16 We can't allow them to take over our streets and everybody knows  
17 they won't be chased and they just brazenly -- I'd like to see some  
18 kind of plan developed to address this more than what we're doing  
19 now or then wait for them to run out of gas and then, you know,  
20 doing something with them then, so. Okay?

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22 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

23 I'll certainly confer with the Chief, Presiding Officer McCaffrey,  
24 and see if we can come up with some plan in the patrol sector to  
25 better address the amount of ATVs that are on the road, without a  
26 doubt.

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28 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**

29 Yeah. And it's not just the ATVs, it's also the dirt bikes --

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31 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

32 The dirt bikes a well.

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34 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**

35 -- and all that stuff. All right, thank you.

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37 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

38 Vice-Chair Mazzarella has a question.

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40 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**

41 Yes. Lieutenant, so, you know, happy to hear about your work in  
42 the 7th, and just so you know, it is continuing.

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44 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

45 *(Laughter)*.

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47 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**

48 You know, I speak with Inspector McCormick regularly; I think we  
49 probably speak almost every day in regards to this issue. But I  
50 just want to let you know that we have already began to research  
51 some additional legislation to -- or to stiffening some of these  
52 penalties. In fact, it's kind of interesting that we're on this  
53 topic because we actually had a meeting yesterday with Counsel in  
54 regard to stiffening the penalties. Because I believe part of the  
55 problem is, first of all, it's very difficult to apprehend these  
56 perpetrators and these ATVs, and it's so unfortunate that the

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1 police work so hard to do that and then the penalties are not stiff  
2 enough and these vehicles or ATVs, they're back on the street in a  
3 matter of hours.

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5 So we are researching and we will come up with something, at least  
6 legislatively, that will give you the tools. But we are also going  
7 to appeal to the Commissioner regarding resources to allow the  
8 Police Department to possibly, you know, bring about other ways to  
9 apprehend or to control. And I do understand the challenges, but  
10 as my colleague Legislator McCaffrey said, it's an issue, it's a  
11 big issue, it's a big quality of life issue. And it's something I  
12 know in my district we hear about probably more than anything else  
13 are the ATVs. And it's becoming more and more dangerous. I think  
14 it's not just the riding of them. Because just recently, and I'm  
15 sure you know, there was an interaction between a motorist and it  
16 became violent, so -- and as the weather gets better I think we're  
17 going to see more of that. So, it's something that we really need  
18 to get on.

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20 And like I said, we're working here in the Legislature to research,  
21 you know, stiffening those penalties and possibly coming up with  
22 additional laws and whatnot to help you all out once they are --  
23 but as far as the recognition goes, I think that's a good way also  
24 to, you know, find out. And I know that it's being looked at, but  
25 we do have to attack it from many different levels, it's not just a  
26 single problem approach.

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28 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

29 No, absolutely. And if you could just stress -- if I could just  
30 stress, when you receive calls from your constituents, if they can  
31 give us some information as to where these ATVs are, and that  
32 allows us to -- if we decide not to pursue that ATV, and it does  
33 allow us to follow up and try to cut them off at the pass before  
34 they get home.

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36 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

37 Terrific. Legislator Kennedy.

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39 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

40 Thank you. I would like to thank and let everyone know that the  
41 meeting with the 4th Precinct on Tuesday night regarding this issue  
42 was phenomenal. Legislator Donnelly, it was brought up about the  
43 bikes also. And the attorneys at the Police Department in Yaphank  
44 are working with the Chiefs to come up with some ways to tweak so  
45 that you do have the opportunity to take vehicles and so that you  
46 do have the opportunity to do what should be done.

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48 So, the only other thing I would like to say publicly, if you are a  
49 constituent and you are hearing the racing and you are hearing the  
50 noise, you dial 911. You don't call the COPE officers. This is an  
51 emergency, you don't have to feel guilty that you're dialing 911.  
52 It's something that I've been battling for three years.

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54 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

55 Absolutely.

1 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

2 Yeah, so.

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4 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

5 Don't e-mail -- or e-mail, we've gotten e-mails and sometimes it  
6 doesn't get to them till the next morning.

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8 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

9 But you're doing a fabulous job. It's getting better. The  
10 Hauppauge Industrial Park is mine. We've been dealing with the 4th  
11 Precinct, the 2nd Precinct and the 3rd Precinct about rest stops  
12 and a few other areas and it's getting better. Thank you.

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14 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

15 Thank you.

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17 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

18 Sound advice. Legislator Anker.

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20 **LEG. ANKER:**

21 Hi. A couple of quick questions. Again, a lot of different topics  
22 have been brought up. I'm going to go -- you know, I want to talk  
23 more about the drag racing. But the increase in fire, gunfire, is  
24 that gang-related?

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26 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

27 There's -- it's not just one cause, there are multiple causes;  
28 certainly, gang activity is a large contributing factor, though.

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30 **LEG. ANKER:**

31 All right. Let us know if you need more resources with that.  
32 That's -- everything's alarming lately, you know, especially the  
33 gunfire issue.

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35 Going back to the street takeovers, drag race, whatever you would  
36 call that. How has bail reform affected your ability to hold these  
37 individuals and, you know, keep them, you know, secure in a jail  
38 rather than being released?

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40 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

41 Well, most of the -- most of the arrests that we would be able to  
42 make at these events would tend to be misdemeanor level, lower  
43 level offenses. And even before bail reform they would be eligible  
44 to be bailed, but after bail reform they would be mandatory  
45 releases.

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47 **LEG. ANKER:**

48 Okay. Again --

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50 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

51 For the most part, assuming that there's not other -- some other  
52 reason to hold the individual.

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54 **LEG. ANKER:**

55 Right. And, you know, the thing is, though, you shouldn't have to  
56 have another reason. What they're doing relating to drag racing is

1 dangerous as it -- you know, as it is and it's just so frustrating  
2 to not have the ability to hold these individuals until we  
3 understand, you know, the impact that they're having, the danger.  
4 I mean, this is -- this is a crime, this is an absolute crime.  
5 Are you able to use the affidavit of trespassing with these private  
6 property owners?

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8 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

9 Well, we have them and we can use them to effect an arrest if  
10 necessary. But like I had said before, the prosecutability, if  
11 that's a word, would be difficult and we would -- that case would  
12 most likely wind up getting dismissed unless it would meet the  
13 parameters for a successful prosecution for a trespass.  
14

15 **LEG. ANKER:**

16 Do you use cameras? I'm assuming -- you know, you said you follow  
17 up whether it's the car, ATV or, you know, a dirt bike. Is  
18 there -- I guess, number one, is there a special unit that focuses  
19 on this? And then what are some of the actions that you take to  
20 try to determine who these individuals are?  
21

22 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

23 Currently our highway unit has -- some of the highway units, not  
24 all of them have the body cameras. Once the entire department is  
25 equipped we would certainly use any evidence at our disposal to  
26 make an arrest or seize a vehicle. As of right now, as far as  
27 units, what we've been doing is we've been establishing standby so  
28 there would be units from other precincts to respond to help a  
29 particular precinct out if a meet-up was occurring in their  
30 precinct and they would need additional resources. And like I had  
31 said, if we do have advanced notice enough we could put a  
32 specialized unit together. Unfortunately, because of the fluid  
33 nature of how it works, sometimes we don't get that advanced  
34 notice.  
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36 **LEG. ANKER:**

37 And again, that would go through social media, right? That would  
38 be a social media, you know --  
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40 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

41 Certainly social media is one, 911, we do get calls from the  
42 community as well in advance, that's a big one. If the people that  
43 are -- see something on social media or somewhere else, if they can  
44 call even the precinct if it's during the week and it's going to  
45 happen at some point in the future, please give the precinct a call  
46 and so we have a head's up and we can address it.  
47

48 **LEG. ANKER:**

49 The issue with the bikes, you know, I actually have been in these  
50 ride-outs -- not actually in them, but it affected -- you know,  
51 they surrounded my car, they weave in and out of traffic, it's  
52 just -- it's very scary and incredibly dangerous. And I know we  
53 have the legislation, but I remember speaking with the police and  
54 saying *Well, if we could take away their bike, if we could take*  
55 *away maybe the car, is that possible or do we need legislation to*  
56 *do that?*

1 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

2 For something like that you would need the legislation, unless if  
3 it was used in the instrumentality of a crime then we possibly  
4 might be able to impound that. But if you were actually talking  
5 about taking it away, that would -- that would require legislation.

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7 **LEG. ANKER:**

8 Don't we already have that, though, for ATVs?

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10 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

11 That's going to be -- I believe that's an impound, I'm not sure  
12 that's actually a seizure, I'd have to look into that and get back  
13 to you.

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15 **LEG. ANKER:**

16 All right. Either way, I think we really need to consider whether  
17 it's an impound or a seizure. We need to make sure these vehicles  
18 are off the road and, you know, try to get the point across to the  
19 owner that we're going to take away your car if you use it in a  
20 dangerous way, you know, and just -- you know, I think like my  
21 colleagues are saying, we really need to buckle down and tighten  
22 the ability for the police to really go after these folks because  
23 it's incredibly dangerous. And again, we really appreciate all  
24 your efforts, and if there's anything that we can do in a  
25 Legislative manner, just let us know.

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27 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

28 The bar for a seizure of a vehicle of conveyance, it does -- it's a  
29 pretty high bar to do that. It requires -- sometimes it requires  
30 prior convictions for certain offenses, so. Impounding is a lot  
31 easier, they do get the vehicle back in most circumstances;  
32 however, a seizure is a high bar for us to meet.

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34 **LEG. ANKER:**

35 Well, again, it's -- you know, I was coming back from Upstate and  
36 they were drag racing in and out of traffic and I got pushed off  
37 the road and to me, that's enough of reason to seize their cars,  
38 you know. And it was more than 10, 12 cars. You know, I think  
39 eventually you guys caught them when they ended up in Suffolk, but,  
40 you know, we do need to make sure we have the resources to make our  
41 roads safe. And we'll work on DOT and the State to fix those  
42 potholes that are on the Expressway which are just horrendous.  
43 But thank you again for all the work that you're doing.

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45 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

46 Thank you, Legislator Anker.

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48 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

49 Thank you. Legislator Donnelly.

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51 **LEG. DONNELLY:**

52 I'm good. Legislator Mazzarella asked all the questions; I  
53 couldn't see him but I heard him, so. But thank you, Legislator  
54 *(laughter)*.

1 **LEG. MAZZARELLA:**

2 Here we go.

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(\*Laughter\*)

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6 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

7 Legislator Fleming.

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9 **LEG. FLEMING:**

10:39AM 10 Thank you. I object to that comment.

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12 Lieutenant Manfredonia, it's nice to see you in 3-D.

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14 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

15 Yes; being back in person is a very nice experience.

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17 **LEG. FLEMING:**

18 (*Laughter*) Very exciting. And I apologize if you're not prepared.

10:40AM 19 I appreciate the questions about the gun arrests and I wanted to

20 just follow up; if you don't have the information I'd be happy to

21 follow up with you off-line. But today is March the 3rd and you

22 said that as of to -- or as of yes -- a couple of days ago you had

23 24 gun arrests with another two over the past week; is that

24 accurate?

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26 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

27 That's correct. If you want I can see what the day the arrests

28 were.

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10:40AM 30 **LEG. FLEMING:**

31 I think it's helpful to have it on the record.

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33 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

34 I believe it could have been the 17th of -- the last one I have was

35 the 17th of February was the last arrest when I had first run the

36 numbers.

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38 **LEG. FLEMING:**

39 And that was 24 as of February 17th.

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41 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

42 Yes.

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44 **LEG. FLEMING:**

45 Wow. Okay. And are these -- to what extent are these being taken

46 off the streets or as a result of search warrants; do you have that

47 broken down, you know, car stops? Where are they coming from?

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49 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

10:41AM 50 Well, I don't have specific metrics for that, but I do happen to

51 know that they come from a variety. Some come from search warrants

52 with the Detective squads, some are coming from routine patrol,

53 some are coming from 911 calls, some are coming from vehicle

54 in-person stops with the task forces. So they're coming from all

55 areas of the department.

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1 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
2 I mean, I hate to say it but it might be in some way good news  
3 because I know the department has doubled down on getting these  
4 guns off the street and there are 24 guns that are no longer on the  
5 street. So thank you for your service.  
6

7 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**  
8 Right, and those are only -- those are only connected to arrests.  
9 And like I said, there are other ones that were confiscated,  
10 illegal guns that were not connected to the arrests, I just don't  
11 have the number for that one but I know that we have a few of  
12 those.  
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14 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
15 And I'd appreciate getting those numbers maybe off-line.  
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17 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**  
18 I'll definitely try. It's difficult to track but I'll try, I'll  
19 see if I can get those for you.  
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21 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
22 Because I know when Chief Cameron was in to see us in September he  
23 talked about this and he talked about some of the -- some of the  
24 ways that efforts are being stepped up. I think there's a new Gun  
25 Reduction Unit.  
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27 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**  
28 Yes.  
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30 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
31 And I think the Chief said that they were -- it was staffed with  
32 ten Detectives, two Detective Sergeants, two other officers. Is  
33 that staffing level still in place?  
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35 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**  
36 Yes, it is.  
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38 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
39 Okay. And -- and is -- are -- is it still the case that firearm  
40 suppression is being -- whether it's at roll call or in training, I  
41 don't know I come from New York City so I'm sorry, I should know  
42 that better. But is there -- are patrol officers being directed to  
43 pay special attention, keep a focus on gun suppression?  
44

45 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**  
46 I came from New York City, too, so I know exactly what you're  
47 talking about. Yes. So, they are debriefed. We -- all the  
48 officers, they're all made aware on patrol, and obviously in the  
49 specialized units even more so as they're tasked specifically with  
50 certain duties and jobs and for the gun crime reduction, for our  
51 FAST teams and for our initiatives in the 3rd are all tasked with  
52 trying to reduce gun violence.  
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54 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
55 And are -- how are you seeing in terms of the effectiveness of  
56 ShotSpotter or Crime Stoppers; is that helpful? I know there's --

1 I think there's a stepped up reward at Crime Stoppers for firearms.  
2 Is that effective? Are you seeing other programs in connection --  
3 you know, that are in partnership with the community there helpful?  
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5 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

6 I'll reach out to Crime Stoppers. I know that they had recently  
7 had fliers I believe within the past five months or so that offered  
8 rewards and specifically it was in Spanish and it was in English to  
9 deal with, you know, the different communities that we have. I  
10 don't -- I would have to reach out to Crime Stoppers. We don't  
11 have ShotSpotter anymore, though.  
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13 **LEG. FLEMING:**

14 Is it missing, though. I mean, do you think that that is  
15 hampering; the fact that you don't have it, is it hampering  
16 efforts?  
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18 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

19 I think in order to properly answer that I would have to look and  
20 see when ShotSpotter was active, how many gun arrests that actually  
21 was connected to, those ShotSpotter activations, I think would be  
22 the only fair way to really answer that question.  
23

24 **LEG. FLEMING:**

25 Can you suggest who might best -- is there someone in the  
26 department that I could follow up with that might have a sense of  
27 whether it would be helpful to reestablish the program?  
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29 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

30 I'll make some inquiries for you, Legislator Fleming. And if it's  
31 not me as the Legislative liaison, then I'll definitely point you  
32 in the right direction.  
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34 **LEG. FLEMING:**

35 Thank you. And this might be an ignorant question, but are any of  
36 these 24 arrests, prior to the 17th, does it involve the discharge  
37 of weapons or, you know, what do we have in terms of stats for  
38 actual shootings or discharge of an illegal weapon?  
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40 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

41 I'll see if I can get that for you. I don't have that -- I don't  
42 have that one but I'll definitely see if we can connect an arrest  
43 to a shooting.  
44

45 **LEG. FLEMING:**

46 And along those lines, to what ex -- are these all illegal guns or  
47 are there any legal guns that were involved in criminal activity  
48 that make up part of that 24?  
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50 *(Brief Pause)*

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52 You weren't prepared for this discussion, so I certainly --  
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54 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

55 That's fine. I'm not sure but I would suspect that most of them  
56 are not legally possessed.



1 **LEG. FLEMING:**

2 Yeah, no, and I certainly recall that the Chief mentioned that as  
3 well. Many of them are -- many of them are ghost guns or defaced  
4 serial numbers and certainly coming from other states is my  
5 understanding.

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7 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

8 Right.

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10 **LEG. FLEMING:**

11 The majority.

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13 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

14 And I try to track the ghost gun arrests as they come in so I have  
15 those numbers for you when they come in.

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17 **LEG. FLEMING:**

18 Could you just for the record describe a ghost gun as opposed to a  
19 defaced gun or a 3-D gun. What exactly is meant by ghost gun?

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21 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

22 So a ghost gun as opposed to a defaced firearm, every firearm has a  
23 serial number in particular locations on the weapon. A defaced  
24 firearm is when that serial number is removed or scratched out or  
25 in some way obscured. As opposed to a ghost gun, a ghost gun has  
26 no serial number on it whatsoever, so it's someone who orders parts  
27 on-line and puts their guns together or even manufactures the gun  
28 themselves or 3-D prints their gun; that would be an untraceable  
29 firearm or better known as a ghost gun.

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31 **LEG. FLEMING:**

32 Because there was -- excuse me. Recent legislation passed at the  
33 State level with enhanced penalties for the -- the parts that  
34 finish a gun, you know, that are 3-D. And it's my understanding  
35 that that is different from a ghost gun or one that an individual  
36 puts together from parts that he or she gets off the Internet.  
37 Can you just clarify that for me? What is the difference between  
38 the guns that Assemblyman Levine's legislation was aimed at, excuse  
39 the pun, that is about finishing a gun with parts off the Internet  
40 as opposed to an actual ghost gun.

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42 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

43 Okay. I'm going to have to look into the legislation and just  
44 compare them and I'll see if I can get back to you on that one.

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46 **LEG. FLEMING:**

47 Okay.

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49 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

50 Trying to do it right now from, you know --

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52 **LEG. FLEMING:**

53 I appreciate that.

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55 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

56 *(Laughter)* -- I think it would be unfair.

1 **LEG. FLEMING:**

2 Yeah. No, I appreciate that. This is such an important aspect of  
3 our public safety landscape right now.

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5 My last question for you is when the Chief was here, he described  
6 that crime was down overall, that at that -- that was in September  
7 of last year. He said violent crime was down over one and-a-half  
8 percent year over year, property crime was down over seven  
9 and-a-half percent and that overall crime was down seven percent  
10 year over year and that it was only the gun crimes that continued  
11 to rise. Is that -- are those trends still in place?

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13 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

14 Without having hard numbers, I don't have the hard numbers but we  
15 have seen an increase in some of the violent crime where our  
16 shootings have actually decreased slightly. So we're kind of  
17 seeing the opposite effect, I think; we're seeing our shootings go  
18 down a bit and we're seeing some of the other crimes go up a little  
19 bit. I don't have the actual numbers, though, on me; I would have  
20 to get those from R and D.

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22 **LEG. FLEMING:**

23 And if you don't mind, I will follow up with you on that.

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25 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

26 Not a problem, Legislator Fleming.

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28 **LEG. FLEMING:**

29 But I do think the fact that the shooting crimes are going down may  
30 very well and probably is in part because this department is taking  
31 this very seriously and has really amped up efforts and resources  
32 to go after this public safety issue, and I want to compliment you  
33 and the department on that. I know it's not easy and it's not safe  
34 to pursue this area of crime and it is well appreciated. So, thank  
35 you very much.

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37 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

38 Thank you.

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40 **LEG. FLEMING:**

41 Thank you, Steve.

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43 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

44 Thank you. Legislator Esteban.

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46 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**

47 Hello. Thank you for your presentation, and I agree very much with  
48 many of the comments my colleagues made. I just want to take a  
49 moment and just recognize that there are so many wonderful bike  
50 clubs and car clubs that not only do they provide a very safe way  
51 for recreation, but they also do a lot of charitable work. So  
52 folks who enjoy their cars and their motorcycles, their ATVs and  
53 their firearms, they should know that there are safe and healthy  
54 ways where you could enjoy your vehicle and your motorcycles and  
55 ATVs and your firearms and it's for us to get the word out so that  
56 they're aware that there are racetracks where you can enjoy your

1 car and drive fast in a safe way without -- without hurting someone  
2 or killing someone or getting yourself in jail.

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4 Similarly, perhaps we can let people know that there are ATV clubs  
5 and bike clubs, again, that you could ride safe and probably do  
6 some charitable work. And same thing with the guns, you know, you  
7 could use your gun at the many wonderful firing ranges that will  
8 help people and guide them on how do they purchase a gun legally,  
9 register it so that you don't have to get a gun that's unregistered  
10 or, like you say, a ghost gun.

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12 So, of course I agree with the enforcement points of view my  
13 colleagues raised. But I also would like to highlight the fact  
14 that education to the community, there are ways where you can  
15 engage in the recreational activity you like in a legal and safe  
16 way for you and your neighbors.

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18 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

19 Absolutely. And I would stress that those people that are in those  
20 car clubs, we have no interest in taking their cars or taking any  
21 enforcement action against those people. We want them to enjoy  
22 their vehicles as much as their neighbor's vehicles as well. It's  
23 when they cross that line, that's what we're looking to enforce.

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25 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

26 I think what Legislator Esteban even pointed out, but also part of  
27 our problem is a lot of these people want a place to race in  
28 Suffolk County. There's drag racing clubs have been saying *We*  
29 *don't have a place to race*; that's probably something we all should  
30 be putting our thinking caps on where they can maybe do it safely  
31 and that's part of the problem. We've lost a large industry where  
32 they're going to other states, and even manufacturing related to  
33 it, so it is a big issue. And I think my final set of questions is  
34 from Legislator Trotta.

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36 **LEG. TROTТА:**

37 I guess you saved the best for last, huh?

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39 *(\*Laughter\*)*

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41 All right, a couple -- well, I have a lot. I'm going to make it  
42 quick. First of all, just the bike, the quads; a trick I used to  
43 use is you put a quad on the street, an undercover guy who looked  
44 like crap with a flat tire; they're like magnets to them, they'll  
45 drive right up to him, right? And then you just grab the keys out  
46 of them and you're done. I mean, I must have done that five or six  
47 times, so.

48  
49 Anyway, my question to you -- and I brought this up last time.  
50 Obviously, I know a lot of people and they send me a lot of  
51 teletypes and I'm seeing people that were transferred out of the  
52 District Attorney's Office and moved -- I don't want to use his  
53 name, but a special investigator is now a Federal and State  
54 Coordinator with the Office of the Police Commissioner and then a  
55 week later he's the Strategic Initiatives Assistant Deputy  
56 Commissioner. What is that?

1 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

2 So, in particular, so there's four former members of the District  
3 Attorney's Office that have been hired in the Police Department  
4 since the new administration has come on. The Police Commissioner,  
5 he's actually sought to address specific crime issues by forming  
6 new units and strategies. These --

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8 **LEG. TROTТА:**

9 So what -- what is he doing?

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11 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

12 So the Police Commissioner sought to address the specific crime  
13 issues by forming new units and strategies.

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15 **LEG. TROTТА:**

16 And did -- let me stop you. Did the Police Commissioner know this  
17 guy?

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19 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

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21 That I don't know.

22 **LEG. TROTТА:**

23 Well, I mean, he just came out from the City, this guy was in the  
24 DA's Office. You know, I would think he would like to -- okay, go  
25 ahead, continue. What do you know?

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27 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

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28 I do know, just to address, that resumes were given to the Police  
29 Commissioner prior to the hires. Now, all these particular people  
30 that came over from the District Attorney's Office were brought  
31 over specifically for their legal and investigative experience to  
32 try to combat these issues that the Police Commissioner wanted to  
33 address and to help with forming all these new units.

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35 **LEG. TROTТА:**

36 Okay. So who did these jobs in the past?

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38 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

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39 Well, some of the units they didn't -- some of the units like the  
40 Strategic Initiative Bureau that you had brought up that the --  
41 that Thomas Kelly heads, that did not exist prior to --

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43 **LEG. TROTТА:**

44 What is it called?

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46 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

47 It's the Strategic Initiatives -- it's the Strategic Initiatives  
48 Bureau.

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50 **LEG. TROTТА:**

51 And what does that do?

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53 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

54 The -- hold on, I have it right here. So the Strategic Initiatives  
55 Bureau evaluates policies, programs and resources to enhance police  
56 services. When we have the -- it supports the adoption of new

1 programs and guides successful implementation of these programs.  
2 It develops innovative options for officers by designing creative  
3 and focus strategies and improve access to police services.

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5 In particular, that particular gentleman that you had brought up  
6 oversees our Communication Section, the school crossing guard  
7 issues that we -- that's been well documented. It's going to help  
8 implement the body-worn camera program and assist in the  
9 development of the Behavioral Health Unit as well which is required  
10 by the reform plan.

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12 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

13 If I could just interrupt. And I want to -- that officer, Tom  
14 Kelly came to my office the other day, I was there like three hours  
15 discussing things regarding the crossing guards and ideas thinking  
16 out of the box and also making some calls with him.

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18 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

19 Yeah, so we made a lot of headway on that.

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21 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

22 Yes.

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24 **LEG. TROTТА:**

25 So we have 2400 sworn police officers and we didn't have one that  
26 could do that?

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28 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

29 I don't have an answer for that, Legislator Trotta. I'm sorry.

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31 **LEG. TROTТА:**

32 I didn't think you would. Okay, how about James Watson?

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34 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

35 James Watson is the -- he is heading -- well, not heading, I'm  
36 sorry. He's assisting on the Gilgo Beach investigation and is  
37 going to sit on the task force.

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39 **LEG. TROTТА:**

40 And what is his -- what is his -- is he a lawyer? What is he?

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42 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

43 I believe he was an investigator and former police officer.

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45 **LEG. TROTТА:**

46 Do you know where?

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48 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

49 Where he was -- well, he was an Investigator in the DA's Office.

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51 **LEG. TROTТА:**

52 He looks like he was -- do you know why he left the DA's Office?

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54 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

55 No, I don't. I'm sorry.

1 **LEG. TROTТА:**

2 All right. So it looks like he was transferred from the DA's  
3 Office to be the chief analysis -- Chief Management Analysis  
4 (*Indiscernible*) Commissioner and then he became the Office of Chief  
5 of Detectives Assistant Deputy Commissioner.

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7 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

8 That's correct.

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10 **LEG. TROTТА:**

11 Okay. So, you know, we have 2400 cops in Suffolk County and three  
12 unions and we had to hire a guy from the DA's Office who was let  
13 go. Did you check why he was let go?

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15 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

16 No, I don't have that information, Legislator Trotta. I'm sorry.

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18 **LEG. TROTТА:**

19 Well, there was a guy named Jimmy Burke, they made him the Chief of  
20 Police and he -- they looked in his -- they never looked in his  
21 background, so maybe he was let go for a reason that we should be  
22 looking into. You know, I see that we have 2400 cops in Suffolk  
23 County, police officers, I don't know why -- you know, I'm not  
24 saying the guy did anything wrong, I have no idea. But, you know,  
25 we're under a budget, we have, you know, police officers who  
26 clearly are qualified to do this. I don't know why we're taking  
27 people who were let go from the District Attorney Office.

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29 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

30 Legislator Trotta, just a question to you is, just so we can stay  
31 more on the topic of what we have on the agenda; is this a question  
32 that could maybe you e-mail or speak to the Commissioner directly?  
33 You know, if you want us CC'd to know any of these things, you  
34 know --

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36 **LEG. TROTТА:**

37 You know -- well, I think that's why we have --

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39 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

40 Because I doubt he would know each one of the resumes of the  
41 thousands they get there on each topic, you know.

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43 **LEG. TROTТА:**

44 Well, you know, we're responsible for the Police Department, we're  
45 responsible for the budget, we're responsible for at least -- you  
46 know, I've been involved in this for over 30 years, I've never  
47 heard of these positions. I've never seen ever anybody being  
48 transferred to these positions like this. Now --

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50 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

51 Would this be the right -- this is really what our question is, is  
52 this really the right forum at this time? I could see if you  
53 weren't getting any of the answers after you reach out to the  
54 department, you know.

1 **LEG. TROTТА:**

2 Oh, I'm going to get to those in a minute that I reached out to the  
3 Commissioner and never heard back.

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5 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

6 Never heard back.

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8 **LEG. TROTТА:**

9 You know something? You're right, I'll let this stop now. I think  
10 I made my point.

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12 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

13 Okay. Thank you.

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15 Any other questions? Legislator -- Legislator Thorne.

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17 **LEG. THORNE:**

18 Lieutenant, just as a quick note. I'd be remiss if I did not thank  
19 the Suffolk County 5th -- 6th Precinct, as well as the 5th, but the  
20 6th Precinct for their extraordinary work in the Longwood  
21 community, the Gordon Heights. That troubled bus stop is now open  
22 for business. People are able to do that and that is singly done  
23 by the Commissioner of Police and the fine men and women of the 6th  
24 Precinct. So, I wanted to go on record as complimenting them.  
25 They're doing an outstanding job in community outreach, they do an  
26 outstanding job with communication with the neighborhoods and we  
27 are making that a safer community and that is largely in part by  
28 our police officers and our Police Commissioner. So I just want to  
29 thank you for that, sir.

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31 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

32 I'll certainly let the command staff of the 6th Precinct and the  
33 Police Commissioner know your thanks.

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35 **LEG. THORNE:**

36 Thank you, sir. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

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38 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

39 Okay. No other questions for anyone? Okay. Thank you very much.

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41 **LIEUTENANT MANFREDONIA:**

42 Thank you.

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44 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

45 And the rest of the agenda, there's no Procedural Motions, there's  
46 no Home Rule Messages, no Subject to Call resolution. So, I  
47 declare this meeting as closed.

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49 *(\*The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. \*)*

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